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Mr. William F. Tompkins  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Tommy:

Reference is made to your letter dated 19 July 1956 concerning the United States versus Otto VERBER and Kurt L. PONGER, in which a final appraisal is requested of the completeness, accuracy and truthfulness of the information supplied to this Agency by the defendants, as well as any other material which might bear upon the good faith of VERBER and PONGER in their interviews with representatives of U.S. intelligence.

This Agency must first note that it has proven impossible to check the major portion of the information supplied by VERBER and PONGER, [REDACTED]

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they provided. Perhaps the most reasonable overall evaluation of their information would be to state that our subsequent investigation of the modus operandi of Soviet intelligence [REDACTED] has indicated that most of the information provided by VERBER and PONGER appears to fall within a pattern consistent with the picture of Soviet intelligence activity now in our possession. This judgment should not be interpreted to mean that we evaluate their information as complete or accurate in every detail or that our

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investigation indicates that they provided the full story of their contact with Soviet intelligence; rather it should be said that the description of their handling by Soviet intelligence presents no glaring discrepancies when compared with information in our possession.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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